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Historical Society

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TACOMA 3, WASHINGTON

Wesley Gardens  
Des Moines, Washington  
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Mr. Michael Bigley  
Technical Consultant  
Dept. of Natural Resources  
Olympia, Washington

Dear Mr. Bigley:

I am confident the Scrap Book I showed you in Olympia convinced you that the contents of the two Capsules are extremely valuable. This material could not be duplicated in Washington today, and certainly not in 2053. For that reason I am very anxious that the Capsules receive the treatment they deserve, and I am confident that will be done.

More special newspaper editions were published in 1953 than any other year to date. They are all in the Capsules. Also magazine articles, newspaper news, editorials and features, Bulletins, Pamphlets, Brochures, Invitations to Special Legislative session, programs of same, Souvenirs, Posters, Window Cards, Letterheads, Photographs, Scripts--Everything that in any way bore Centennial tag.

You saw the sketch for a Marker by D. M. Sibold. This was to include rocks from some 40 different historical spots in the state. Some of these were received, but the drive for these was called off when plans for the marker did not develop. I mention this simply to show that so far as the Centennial was concerned, we did plan for a permanent location properly developed. The flag plan you mention should offer a solution. If this does not materialize I am confident the Commission will develop other plans. It should always be born in mind that material in these two Capsules is not available anywhere else. No adequate estimate can be made of their value in 2053.

I will be glad to help in any way possible.

*Marker in pavement should be adequate.*

Yours very truly,  
CHAPIN D. FOSTER, Director Emeritus

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